

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application (the claims have been maintained unchanged):

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 43, wherein said virtual register connects to said processing unit via a commercial telephone line or a private line, and said paying terminal connects to said processing unit via a radio telephone communication.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 63, wherein said communicating section connects to said virtual register via a commercial telephone line or a private line, and said communicating section connects to said paying terminal via radio telephone communication.

5-35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement system for setting up a transaction through a communication network, comprising:

a paying terminal which is operated for participating in the transaction, said paying terminal being connectable to the communication network and including an information

indicating unit, said paying terminal including an input unit for inputting information regarding the transaction;

a virtual register which is connectable to the communication network for participating in the transaction with said paying terminal;

a synchronizing server communicating with said paying terminal and with said virtual register, said synchronizing server setting up link information including transaction ID information in association with said virtual register and transmits said link information to said paying terminal upon receipt by said synchronizing server of the information regarding the transaction transmitted by said paying terminal, and said synchronizing server establishing a synchronization of communication between said paying terminal and said virtual register one-to-one upon receipt of both the same transaction ID information and a signal in response to the link information from said paying terminal.

37. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement system as claimed in claim 36, further comprising a cashier server connected to said synchronizing server via the communicating network, said cashier server generating said virtual register.

38. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement system as claimed in claim 36, wherein said paying terminal comprises at least one of a cellular phone, a PDA and a notebook type personal computer; and said information regarding the transaction comprises paying terminal information including at least one of a telephone number and an e-mail address of said paying terminal.

39. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement system as claimed in claim 36, further comprising:

a paying terminal database for storing paying terminal information including at least one of a telephone number and an e-mail address of the paying terminal; and

a virtual register database for storing virtual register information including at least information for identifying said virtual register, which information being indicated on said indicating unit of said paying terminal;

wherein said synchronizing server identifies said paying terminal based on the paying terminal information transmitted from said paying terminal and the paying terminal information stored in said paying terminal database and transmits the virtual register information as a part of the link information to said paying terminal.

40. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement system as claimed in claim 39, wherein said synchronizing server transmits the virtual register information with an internet address to said paying terminal.

41. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement system as claimed in claim 36, wherein the virtual register information includes information relating to an item for the transaction.

42. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement system as claimed in claim 36, wherein the information regarding the transaction includes a number listed in at least one of a mail order advertisement and a catalog distributed to a user in advance

43. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system for setting up a transaction through a communication network, which communicates a virtual register for participating in the transaction with a paying terminal including an information indicating unit and an input unit for inputting information regarding the transaction, comprising:

a communicating section connected to the communicating network; and

a processing unit for communicating with said paying terminal and with said virtual register through said communicating section, said processing unit setting up link information including transaction ID information in association with said virtual register and transmitting said link information which is indicatable in the information indicating unit of the paying terminal upon receipt of the information regarding the transaction transmitted by the paying terminal, said processing unit establishing a synchronization of communication between said paying terminal and said virtual register one-to-one upon receipt of both the same transaction ID information and a signal in response to the link information from said paying terminal.

44. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 43, further comprising a cashier server which includes the virtual register, wherein said processing unit transmits the signal for generating the virtual register to said cashier server through said communicating section.

45. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 43, wherein the paying terminal comprises at least one of a cellular phone, a PDA and a notebook type personal computer; and the information regarding the transaction comprises

paying terminal information including at least one of a telephone number and an e-mail address of the paying terminal.

46. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 43, further comprising:

a paying terminal database for storing paying terminal information including at least one of a telephone number and an e-mail address of the paying terminal; and

a virtual register database for storing virtual register information including at least information for identifying the virtual register, which information being indicated on the indicating unit of the paying terminal;

wherein said processing unit identifies the paying terminal based on the paying terminal information transmitted from the paying terminal and the paying terminal information stored in said paying terminal database and transmits the virtual register information as a part of the link information to the paying terminal through said communicating section.

47. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 46, wherein said processing unit transmits the virtual register information with an internet address to the paying terminal.

48. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 43, wherein the virtual register information includes information relating to an item for the transaction.

49. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 43, wherein the information regarding the transaction includes a number listed in at least one of a mail order advertisement and a catalog distributed to a user in advance.

50. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 43, wherein said communicating section further comprises a first communicating unit connected to the virtual register via a first communicating network, and a second communicating unit connected to the paying terminal via a second communicating network.

51. (Previously presented) A recording medium which stores a program for a computer, for setting up a transaction through a communication network, which communicates a virtual register for participating in the transaction with a paying terminal including an information indicating unit and an input unit for inputting information regarding the transaction, comprising:

a communicating module which operates the computer to communicate with the virtual register and with the paying terminal through the communicating network; and

a processing module for communicating with said paying terminal and with said virtual register through said communicating section, said processing module setting up link information including transaction ID information in association with said virtual register and transmitting said link information which is indicatable in the information indicating unit of the paying terminal upon receipt of the information regarding the transaction transmitted by said paying terminal, said processing module establishing a synchronization of communication between said paying terminal and said virtual register one-to-one upon receipt of both the same

transaction ID information and a signal in response to the link information from said paying terminal.

52-62. (Canceled)

63. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system for setting up a transaction through a communication network, which communicates with a virtual register for participating in the transaction, a paying terminal having an information indicating unit, and an order-receiving center including an order-receiving unit for receiving the information regarding the transaction through an input unit of a communicating terminal for inputting information regarding the transaction; comprising:

a communicating section connected to the communication network; and

a processing unit for setting up a link information including transaction ID information in every transaction and transmitting the link information which is indicatable in the information indicating unit of the paying terminal, upon receipt of the information regarding the transaction transmitted by the order-receiving unit through said communicating section, said processing unit establishing a synchronization of communication between the paying terminal and the virtual register one-to-one upon receipt of both the same transaction ID information and a signal in response to the link information from the paying terminal.

64. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 63, further comprising a cashier server which includes the virtual register, wherein said processing unit transmits the signal for generating the virtual register to said cashier server through said communicating section.

65. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 63, wherein the paying terminal comprises at least one of a cellular phone, a PDA and a notebook type personal computer; and the information regarding the transaction comprises paying terminal information including at least one of a telephone number and an e-mail address of said paying terminal.

66. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 63, further comprising:

a paying terminal database for storing paying terminal information including at least one of a telephone number and an e-mail address of the paying terminal; and

a virtual register database for storing virtual register information including at least information for identifying said virtual register, which information being indicated on said indicating unit of the paying terminal;

wherein said processing unit identifies the paying terminal based on the paying terminal information transmitted from the communicating terminal and the paying terminal information stored in said paying terminal database and transmits the virtual register information as a part of the link information to the paying terminal through said communicating section.

67. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 66, wherein said processing unit transmits the virtual register information with an internet address to the paying terminal.

68. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 63, wherein the virtual register information includes information relating to an item for the transaction.

69. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 63, wherein the information regarding the transaction includes a number listed in at least one of a mail order advertisement and a catalog distributed to a user in advance.

70. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 63, wherein said communicating section comprises:

a first communicating unit connected to the virtual register via a first communicating network; and

a second communicating unit connected to the paying terminal via a second communicating network.

71. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 69, wherein said communicating section is connectable to the order-receiving center through a communicating line.

72. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 63, wherein the communicating terminal includes a phone and said communicating section receives information relating to the information regarding the transaction inputted from the input unit of said communicating terminal with voice into the order-receiving unit.

73. (Previously presented) An electronic settlement server system as claimed in claim 63, wherein

the paying terminal comprises at least one of a cellular phone, a PDA and a notebook type personal computer; and

the communicating section is connectable to the order-receiving center through a communicating line comprising at least one of a telephone line, a private line and a LAN.

74. (Previously presented) A recording medium which stores a program for a computer, for setting up a transaction through a communication network, which communicates with a virtual register for participating in the transaction, a paying terminal having an information indicating unit, and an order-receiving center including an order-receiving unit for receiving the information regarding the transaction through an input unit of a communicating terminal for inputting information regarding the transaction; comprising:

a communicating module which operates the computer to communicate with the virtual register and with the paying terminal through the communicating network; and

a processing module for setting up a link information including transaction ID information in every transaction and transmitting the link information which is indicatable in the information indicating unit of the paying terminal upon receipt of the information regarding the transaction transmitted by the order-receiving unit through the communicating section, said processing module establishing a synchronization of communication between the paying terminal and the virtual register one-to-one upon receipt of both the same transaction ID information and a signal in response to the link information from the paying terminal.

75-94. (Canceled)